

Minutes of January 25, 2011

Governor's Advisory Council on Aging

Chairman Considine opened the meeting at 10:35 A.M.

Council members in attendance: Gladys Considine, JoLynn Yenne, CA Buckley, Marvin Carter and Al Ward

Council members absent: Betty Aye, Beverly Barnhart, Connie Bremner, Jessie James Hawley, Lauren Kippen and Mary Lou Miller.

It was noted that Betty, Beverly, Jessie and Lauren had contacted the office to let us know they would not be able to attend today's meeting.

Aging Services Staff: Brian LaMoure and Charlie Rehbein

Members of the Public: There were none present

Chairman Considine noted the council had not met since June due to a number of things which kept us from getting together. CA was introduced as our newest member on the council.

Minutes of the Last meeting: The last meeting of the Council was in June. It was noted that Marvin Carter's name was misspelled.

Role of the Council during Legislature: Chairman Considine addressed the information each member had received from Director Whiting Sorrell regarding the role of Boards and Councils during the Legislature. She reminded council members that they can speak on their own as citizens, but anything we want to speak on as a member of the Governor's Council on Aging needs approval from the Governor because we are appointed by him.

Billings Gazette Article: Chairman Considine handed out the January 16, 2011 Billings Gazette article by Linda Halstead-Acharya entitled "**Montana projected to be fourth 'grayest' state by 2015.**" Chairman Considine noted some of the following items from the article: that by the year 2025, one in four Montanans will be over age 65; starting in January of 2011, a tidal wave of baby boomers – 7,000 Americans each day reach the age of 65-- and Montana is on the cusp of this wave; we have been talking about the aging of Montana for 20 years but no one seems to care – now it's here; Sheridan County is currently Montana's most "gray" by percentage and in fifteen years half their population will be over age 65.

Centenarian Project: Al Ward brought a calendar he had made up with pictures of Centenarians from last year on the months when their birthdays are. There was discussion about having a place on the Senior and Long Term Care website for Centenarians pictures and stories. It was suggested to do a 15 to 18 month calendar from October 2011 to December 2012 or March 2013. Pictures will need to be in by June 30, 2011 to be included in a calendar if the Council approves it. Brian LaMoure and Al Ward will

work on this. They will get some costs for doing a calendar. Brian will develop a form for getting pictures and information on the centenarians for the website, conference and calendar. Because this is a council project, the council members will help find sponsors for this project as well as the conference.

It was suggested that Grace Bowman be asked to help on this project as well as the conference especially since one of the sites is in Billings this year.

Things that need to be done regarding the Centenarian Project are:

- Let the Area Directors know what is being considered and asking them to help identify Centenarians in their areas.
- Brian LaMoure will draft an official letter for us to use for donations
- Brian LaMoure will update the form he uses for gathering information on Centenarians for the conference and the website and calendar.
- Al Ward and Brian LaMoure will get costs of doing calendars (as soon as possible)
- Pictures of Centenarians with write ups are do into State office (Aging Services) no later than June 30, 2011 in order to be considered for the calendar and the conference program.

Council Members Terms: Council Members whose terms are up in 2011: Beverly Barnhart, Marvin Carter, and Lauren Kippen. If these members wish to serve another term on the council, they need to send a letter to the Governor's Office requesting to be reappointed to the council. Appointments will be made by July 18, 2011, so your letters or on-line request to be reappointed needs to be done prior to that date. It was recommended it be done as soon as possible.

Senior and Long Term Care Division's Public Testimony: The testimony at the Division's Aging Services portion of testimony before the Sub-Committee on Health and Human Services was very good – one of the best. Duane Lutke's presentation regarding the jobs that are part of the aging network and the impact of the loss of the \$1.5 million was quite interesting. We do not realize how many people provide services to our elders from bus drivers to cooks to senior center directors to homemakers and more. The city councilman from Missoula, who was part of the sub-committee a few sessions ago, made a great comment when he said that these programs are life and death, the others such as education and transportation are not. The man who told them about bringing his father-in-law who had Alzheimer's into their home and how at first it was fun and brought their family together, but then as he needed 24 hour 7 day a week care, how it began to impact them – their marriage, their sleep, - and if they had not contacted Aging Services and gotten help – education on caregiving, hospice and respite care and what it did to help them cope with what was happening to them. You can listen to the legislature and the January 26th public testimony by going to the website: http://leg.mt.gov/css/Audio/audio_broadcast.asp

Chairman Considine reminded the council members that a group – the council – we need to support the Governor's budget, but if you want, as an individual you may contact the sub-committee members as well as your local legislators and urge them to support the Area Agencies on Aging request.

Chairman Considine handed out copies of the power point presentation Director Anna Whiting Sorrel did for the Long Term Care Coalition.

2011 Governor's Conference on Aging: This year, the conferences will be held in Billings, Montana on October 3rd and 4th at the Holiday Inn Hotel and in Havre, Montana on October 6th and 7th at Northern Montana College. Chairman Considine appointed Al Ward and Marvin Carter to work with the local planning committee in Billings and Jessie James Hawley, Mary Lou Miller, CA Buckley and Connie Bremner to work with the local planning committee in Havre.

Brian LaMoure talked about the teleconferences he had regarding the two conferences. In Billings, the local program will be on October 3rd followed by the State program on October 4th. In Havre, the State Program will be October 6th and the local program will be October 7th. Barry Peterson, who has been called one of CBS News' most experienced correspondents, having reported on everything from wars and natural disasters to Paris fashions, Welsh choirs and the return of American Jazz to Shanghai, China and whose stories have been datelined from virtually every continent in a career that spans more than three decades, will be a featured speaker at the Billings conference. Barry will speak on his first book, "Jan's Story: Love lost to the long goodbye of Alzheimer's" that was published in June, 2010, about the struggle he shared with his wife, Jan Chorlton, who was diagnosed with Early Onset Alzheimer's Disease in 2005 and is now in an assisted living facility. Jan was also a CBS News journalist, reporting from both Japan and the former Soviet Union for CBS Radio, CBS Sunday Morning and the CBS Weekend News.

Brian will work with the local committee and the Alzheimer's Association on this. Brian noted that we can get Mr. Peterson's book and sell it at the conference.

We need to come up with a theme for the conference, so if you have ideas, send them to Brian.

Suggested speakers and topics for the State's program include: Eloise Cobell (Brian will contact Jessie James Hawley contact her), two ladies from the Back Roads in Montana show (we think their names were Janet and Minnie? -- Brian will contact PBS to see if they have contact information.) It was noted that Cindy Padilla, the Principle Deputy of AOA and Percy Devine have been invited again. And Barry Peterson is willing to speak at a morning session too. Also, the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare staff are willing to present.

There was discussion about the mini-grants which included fund raising and a raffle. Chairman Considine's sister may provide some afghans for raffles again this year. It was suggested that we have an "official request" form to give to businesses or individuals when asking for donations for the raffles. It was suggested that maybe senior centers could put together a basket that could be raffled off for the mini grants fundraiser. Chairman appointed Doug Blakley, Lauren Kippen, Betty Aye, Grace Bowman and herself to be on the review team for the mini grants.

As for the conference registration fees, we need to make sure it is affordable.

In Billings on October 3rd, we will have a dinner featuring Barry Peterson.

Suggested session timelines for the State's day are:

8:30 to 10:15 (1hr and 45 min) -- Opening Session and mini-grants

10:15 to 10:45 (30 min) -- Coffee Break

10:45 to 11:45 (1 hr) - Session

11:55 to 1:40 (1 hour 45 min) – Luncheon Centenarian Awards & Speaker

1:55 to 3:05 (1 hour 10 min) – Session

3:05 to 3:30 (25 min) -- Break

3:30 to 4:50 (1 hour 20 min) -- Session

Suggested possible sessions:

OPENING Session -- Speakers: Barry Peterson, Percy Devine and Max Rickmond and mini grant awards

2nd Session – Mental Health Issues (suggested lady from the Butte Conference)

Luncheon – Centenarian Awards done first then Speaker (Governor or Cindy Padilla)

3rd Session – Eloise Cobel and the two ladies from Back Roads to Montana

4th Session – Technology: Assistive Devices (NCAT presentation)

It was suggested to get the Chambers of Commerce involved with this year's conferences as well as local people.

State Plan on Aging: The State plan is due to the Administration on Aging in May. We will need to have a couple of hearings on it. Charlie is considering one in February for the draft plan and another on in April if we need it. Area AOA says we must focus on are: (1) Older Americans Act core programs in Title III which includes Supportive services, nutrition services, disease prevention/health promotions and caregiver programs, coordination with Title VI Native American programs and Title VII Elder Rights programs; (2) Any AOA discretionary grant which includes ADRC grants and Community Living programs; and, (3) Consumer Control and Choice.

Legislative Issues: As bills come out that are focused on Senior or elderly issues, we will let you know what they are. Currently some of the bills we are following are House Bill 374 entitled Implement the Uniform Power of Attorney model law introduced by Representative Kris Hansen and Senate Bill 154 which regulates medical marijuana provider supply system introduced by Senator Dave Lewis.

Other bills that are in draft form but have not been introduced are:

Bill Draft No. (LC No.)	Request Date	Requestor	Status	Status Date	Short Title
<u>LC0577</u>	11/03/2010	Carol Williams	(C) Draft On Hold	12/12/2010	Resolution against privatization of social security
<u>LC0887</u>	11/20/2010	Kim Gillan	(C) Draft On Hold	11/30/2010	Codify standards for nursing homes with DPHHS oversight and an advisory council
<u>LC0943</u>	11/22/2010	Dave Lewis	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester	01/27/2011	Revise laws to allow medication aides in nursing homes
<u>LC1059</u>	12/01/2010	Wendy Warburton	(C) Draft to Requester for Review	01/26/2011	Interim study on improper transfer of assets for long-term care
<u>LC1080</u>	12/01/2010	Anders Blewett	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery	01/31/2011	Generally revise elder abuse law
<u>LC2119</u>	01/17/2011	Liz Bangerter	(C) Draft On Hold	01/17/2011	Generally revise long term care insurance

It was noted that there will not be a senior day at the legislature this year. AARP and the AAA directors determined it was better to put time and effort into getting more folks involved at the local level.

Life Span Respite: On March 9th, the department is holding a Life Span Respite Summit to determine what gaps exist currently in respite care in Montana and what we want to do in considering submitting a grant application for Life Span Respite care services grants which will be later this spring.

Name tags: Gladys Considine and CA Buckley need name tags.

Meeting was adjourned.